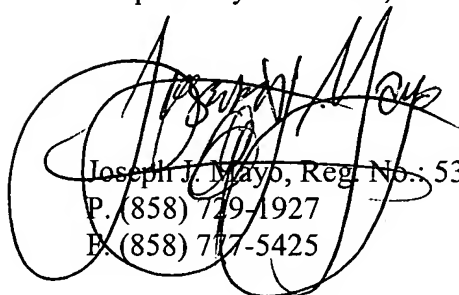


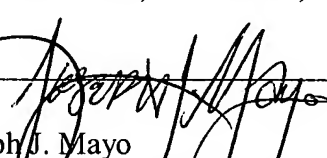
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

CONCLUSION

Examination on the merits is requested for the application as amended.

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